

REMARKS

The Office Action of February 14, 2003 has been studied in detail along with the references applied and cited by the examiner. In response, selected claims have been cancelled , other claims amended , and new claims presented for consideration. The pending claims should be read in conjunction with the accompanying arguments in support of patentability. Further examination and reconsideration of the application as amended are respectfully requested.

Enclosed are formal drawings responsive to the objections raised in PTO-948.

Appropriate amendments have been made to page 3 of the specification to clarify that the detailed description refers to FIGURE 3 at the noted sections.

Claims 6, 7, and 11 have been revised to address the §112, indefiniteness rejections regarding antecedent basis. Claim 15 is canceled and its limitations incorporated into claim 12. However, claim 12 referred to a "containment assembly" so that later reference in the added limitation is believed proper. The term "basket-like" has been canceled from claim 12.

With respect to the prior art rejections under §102 and §103, independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to more particularly define over any fair teaching of the prior art. The indication of allowable subject matter in the original claims 3, 6, 7, 11, and 15 is appreciated. In response, claim 15 has been canceled and the limitations thereof have been incorporated into claim 12.

With respect to claims 1 and 8, applicants have amended these claims to emphasize the distinction of the containment structures relative to that shown in the art. Claim 1 emphasizes how the containment structure wraps around the periphery of the reflector. Such is not the case in Nakogawa - U.S. Patent No. 6,509,674 or Ooms - U.S. Patent No. 6,300,717. The containment structure 50 wraps about the periphery, "does not interfere with installation and removal of the lamp assembly (page 5, lines 7-8), "is conducive to recycling of the lamp components (page 5, lines 6-7), and/or "provides for precise alignment and positioning" (page 5, line 1-2). Thus, the simplicity and advantages of the present invention are brought out in claims

1 and 8, and claim 12 (with claim 15) was already in allowable form. Accordingly, all the claims are deemed to be allowable.

All formal and informal matters having been addressed, this application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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